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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: UNCTAD, ETRD

SUBJECT: TDB XIV RESOLUTION RE US SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED  
PREFERENCES

REF: (A) STATE 191957; (B) GENEVA 5508

1. SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL BY ECON/COMMERCIAL  
COUNSELOR WITH FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA ALONG LINES  
REF (A). VIRATA OBVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF IMMEDIATE TURN OF  
EVENTS GENEVA, BUT CLEARLY HIS USUALLY WELL-INFORMED  
SELF ON SUBJECT. VIRATA'S INITIAL RESPONSE TO REPORT WAS,  
"WON'T THIS BE HELPFUL TO YOU IN GETTING PASSAGE  
OF THE TRADE BILL?" WHEN SUGGESTION MADE TO HIM THAT  
RESOLUTION SINGLING OUT US GSP OR APPEARING TO INSTRUCT  
THE CONGRESS MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD, VIRATA LISTENED  
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CAREFULLY TO ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF RESOLUTION SUGGESTED

PARA. 2, REF (A), AND SAID HE WOULD CONTACT GENEVA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ANTICIPATED HAVING A REPORT ON GENEVA CONTACTS PRIOR TO SEPT. 2 MEETING TDB.

2. COMMENT: POSITION TAKEN BY PHILDEL IS HARDLY SURPRISING IN VIEW STRONGLY NEGATIVE VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING LAUREL-LANGLEY TECHNICAL TALKS MANILA IN JULY. FILIPINO VIEW IS THAT COMPETITIVE NEED TEST IN TITLE V OF TRADE BILL WILL IN EFFECT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LDC'S WITH ESTABLISHED MARKETS IN US AND IN FAVOR OF THOSE JUST ENTERING OR WITH TRADITIONALLY WEAK POSITIONS. THIS IS, OF COURSE, ONE WAY OF EXPRESSING HOME TRUTH ON COMPETITIVE NEED. WE DOUBT VERY MUCH, THEREFORE, THAT PHILDEL CAN BE BACKED AWAY FROM POSITION ALREADY TAKEN ON THE ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY YET SEE WISDOM OF NOT REPEAT NOT PRESSING THAT POSITION IN GROUP OF 77 RESOLUTION. ON THIS LATTER POINT, WHILE PHILDEL ACCORDING VIRATA MAY BE SPEAKING FOR ASIAN GROUP, WE CAN HARDLY SEE THE WEAKER LDC'S FINDING SUCH A CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION IN THEIR INTEREST. THUS THE GROUP OF 77 ITSELF WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE SOME MORE BALANCED STATEMENT.  
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